

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-19, 21-30, and 33-37 were pending in the application. Claims 3, 12, 21, 33 stand allowed. Claims 1, 4-10, 13-19, 22-30, and 34-37 stand rejected. Claims 1, 10, 19, and 29 have been cancelled. Claims 4-6, 8-9, 13-15, 17-18, 22-24, 26-28, 30, and 34-37 were amended. Claims 3-9, 12-18, 21-28, 30, and 33-37 remain in the application.

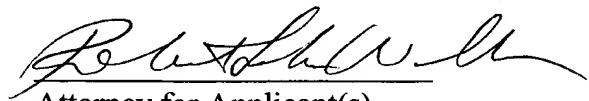
Claims 1, 5-7, 9-10, 14-16, 18-19, 23-26, 28-29, 35, and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kiriki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,219,446 B1). Claims 4, 13, 22, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Kiriki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,219,446 B1) and Tanaka et al U.S. Patent No. 6,693,673 B1). Claims 8, 17, 27, and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Kiriki et al. (US Patent No. 6,219,446 B1) and Silverbrook (US Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0032512 A1). Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Kiriki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,219,446 B1) and Toyoda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,461,440 A).

After amendment, Claims 4-9; 13-18; 22-28; and 30, 34-37 are allowable as depending from Claims 3, 12, 21, and 33, respectively.

It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed none of the references, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

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